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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A beverage container, comprising:

~~An~~an outer shell comprising first, second, third, and fourth sidewalls;
wherein

said first sidewall has a first opening formed therein and defines a free upper edge, said first sidewall having a lower flap depending therefrom,

said second sidewall has an upper flap depending ~~depending~~extending therefrom defining a first handle portion, and a lower flap;

said third sidewall has an upper flap depending ~~depending~~extending therefrom comprising a slot for receiving a handle and a second opening formed therein, and said third sidewall further comprising a lower flap depending therefrom;

said fourth sidewall has an upper flap depending ~~depending~~extending therefrom defining a second handle portion, and a lower flap;

wherein said upper flaps cooperate to form a top surface of said outer shell and said lower flaps cooperate to form a bottom surface of said outer shell;
and

wherein said first opening and said second opening cooperate to receive and support a mouth of a flexible inner liner configured to receive and store a liquid beverage.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said lower flaps cooperate to provide a plurality of layers defining a said bottom surface of said outer shell.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said upper flaps cooperate to define ~~an upper surface of said container, and further cooperate to define a~~ said handle.

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4. **(Original)** The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said flexible inner liner has a bag portion and a mouth portion.

5. **(Original)** The beverage container as in Claim 4, wherein said mouth portion is disposed through said first opening and said second opening and is supported thereby.

6. **(Original)** The beverage container as in Claim 5, wherein said mouth portion defines a retaining portion configured to receive a peripheral edge of each of said first and second openings thereby maintaining the mounted relationship therewith.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said first handle portion cooperates with said second handle portion to define a said handle.

8. **(Original)** The beverage container as in Claim 7, wherein said handle extends in a plane substantially orthogonal to a plane of said upper surface.

9. **(Original)** The beverage container as in Claim 8, wherein said plane of said upper surface forms an acute angle with respect to a plane of said bottom surface.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The beverage container as in Claim 9, wherein rotating said container such that said handle is substantially horizontal causes liquid therein in said container to dispense through said mouth.

11. **(Original)** The beverage container as in Claim 1, wherein said flexible inner liner is affixed to the outer shell at one or more locations.

12. **(Original)** The beverage container as in Claim 11, wherein said flexible inner liner is adhered to one or more of said first sidewall, second sidewall, third sidewall, and fourth sidewall.

13 – 18. **(Canceled)**